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A POLICY SHARK SENTENCED.
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GREAT POLICY RAID.

Grizzled William McCurdy Fears the Evidence and Pleads Guilty to the Charge—Judge Cawing Sentences Him on the Grounds of a First Offense—Why Was He Not Tried on the Indictment Issued Years Ago?

The last of the notorious policy dealers indicted on evidence furnished by THE EVENING WORLD pleaded guilty to the offense in General Sessions this morning.

He is William McCurdy, a grizzled old policy shark of an unenviable reputation, and has been out of jail on bail since last June, when his next little gambling hell in Mike Walsh's saloon at Washington and Watts streets was patronized by two EVENING WORLD reporters.

McCurdy had previously been dealing in policy in a room over the saloon, but he became more bold and moved down stairs. Walsh was told to, for by allowing a gambling hell on the same floor with his saloon he gave the city the power to revoke his license.

When McCurdy's case was called for trial this morning in Part I, before Judge Cowing, he appeared before the court and offered his plea of guilty. His counsel, John Coman, stood by his side to plead for a light sentence.

Judge Cowing said:

"In this class of cases, where it is the party's first offense, it has been the disposition of the court to let the man off with a fine, but I don't think a man should be let off so easy twice."

"Have you ever been convicted before?" asked the judge.

"No, Your Honor," answered McCurdy. "I have never been convicted before," with emphasis on the word convicted.

"He has been indicted but never convicted," explained Lawyer Coman. "His case has never been brought to trial."

Assistant District Attorney Davis told the court that he had the same understanding of McCurdy's case, and that Judge Cowing passed sentence, which was \$100 fine.

He said he should treat the case as a first offense, but warned McCurdy that should he be brought before the court again for sentence for a similar offense he would be sent to prison.

Lawyer Coman observed at this point that McCurdy would take his own chances if he started up his policy business again, and with that he led the old gambler out of the court-room.

WRAPPED IN FLAMES.

A Woman Rushes to the Street at Midnight with Her Clothing on Fire.

A woman with her clothing all ablaze and uttering agonizing shrieks rushed from 39 North Broadway, Yorkers, near midnight last night rousing the neighborhood. She was Mrs. Lena Hamburg, wife of a saloon-keeper.

Several men pulled off their coats, and, throwing the woman with them, ran to the street, where she was lying on the ground, her clothing all ablaze. She was taken to St. John's Hospital, fatally injured.

An oil lamp exploding in her bedroom started the fire.

ILLEGAL VOTERS, BEWARE.

Col. Fellows Says That He Is After You with a Sharp Stick.

District Attorney Fellows said this morning that no new cases of illegal registration have come to his notice since the arrest of the colored Republicans, Thos. J. Cousins and Ezekiah Barrett, by Capt. Reilly, of the Thirtieth street station, yesterday.

He said that the machinery of justice is well oiled for the reception of all such cases, and the steam up to railroad them to prison.

A Tag Winks at the Dock.

The tugboat Richard A. Garrett, sunk from some unknown cause along the Pennsylvania Company's dock, at Water street and North River, at 3.30 this morning.

The captain, Jacob Schneider, and his crew of five men were asleep on board, but the engineer awoke and called the others. The tugboat was in the way of the North River, which cannot go into their usual place of landing.

Mass-Meeting on the Conspiracy Laws.

The union workmen interested in the movement to secure the amendment of the conspiracy laws by electing men to the Assembly who will pledge themselves to bring about the desired change, held a mass-meeting next week in some large hall. The Eleventh Congressional District has been organized and a committee appointed to call on candidates for the Assembly.

Released from Quarantine.

The steamship Bibe, from Bremen, which was detained at Quarantine with small pox on board, was released to-day and proceeded to her pier at Brooklyn. Of her 500 passengers 150 were discharged and landed at Castle Garden. The remainder are detained at Hoffman Island.

Justice Delahanty Laid at Rest.

Justice Delahanty, of Long Island City, was buried to-day in Black Stump Cemetery, Flushing. Funeral services in the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, seventh street, Brooklyn. He was among those who were Mayor Gleason, Gov. Church, and Governor Cronin and Commissioner W. Williams.

A Young Gals Blew Fire.

Annie Crowley, of 678 Water street, was complainant at Essex Market to-day against Robert Gray, aged fourteen, of 609 Water street. She said that Gray entered her candy store and drew a revolver, threatening to shoot her. He was held for examination.

Fired of Life at Twenty-one.

Robert Ellis, a farm laborer twenty-one years old, left his gun turned on last night in his room in the lodging-house 30 Bowery. He was found unconscious this morning and was taken to Chatham Street Hospital. He said he meant to end his life.

Found Himself in Brooklyn.

Frank C. Collins, aged twenty years, a collector, was found hanging from the basement door of his home, 329 Third street, Brooklyn. He was employed by Patterson Brothers, hardware dealers, of New York.

A Great Banquet in Montreal.

Democrats of the Montreal Election District, Twenty-fourth Assembly District, have raised a handsome fund for the cause.

BEDELL TORN TO TATTERS.

IN THE HOPE OF SAVING POLICY MEN
EMERSON AND GOSS.

Lawyer Howe Fails to Get the Complaint Dismissed and Opens on the Luckless Forger With His Heaviest Battery of Guns—Bedell Denounced as a Heedless Perjuror and Unworthy of Relief.

The defense of Herman J. Emerson, charged with keeping a policy shop in which Mortgage Forger James E. Bedell lost \$127,000 of his stealings, was opened to-day before Recorder Smyth, by Counselor William F. Howe, who asked that the jury be directed to acquit Emerson on the ground of want of proof.

The Recorder denied the motion, and Mr. Howe denied that 180 Broadway was in the Second Ward and then began to sum up for the defense.

He characterized Bedell as "this miserable monster of lies, ingratitude and methodical infamy! recreant to his children, faithless to his wife, backed by the venerable and generous lawyer, who, as employer, trusted this subtle villain most implicitly."

Bedell, he said, had defied the Supreme Court and refused to say a word of truth in behalf of his robbed employers two weeks ago, because he knew the Court could not punish him. He was already in jail. Now, indicted for forgery and confessing his guilt, he cried out he might be sent to prison for life, and that he could not be further punished for perjury. This was why Mr. Howe declared Bedell went on the stand and attempted to swear Emerson into prison too.

Mr. Howe declared he had charged between forty or fifty men charged with murder in the city courts, and that he had never found among them so great a scoundrel as Bedell. He was a Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde, deferential and clean before his employers, and doing his most dirty infamy when their backs were turned.

The audacious counsel, who dared to submit his case to the jury without swearing a single witness in behalf of the accused, proceeded to tear the character of Bedell to tatters.

Referring to Bedell's lack of memory as to his relations with Miss Stuart and other young women, the lawyer staided his eyes and two hands, rattled with a score of diamonds towards heaven and said: "God knows I pity such young women, but do you believe, gentlemen of the jury, that James E. Bedell went to Albany with her and had forgotten it? If you do not you must throw out the whole of his testimony as unworthy of belief."

At the conclusion of Mr. Howe's speech Oct. 24, Bedell was called and testified that 180 Broadway was in the Second Ward.

Mr. Jerome addressed the jury after recess.

"WAIT AND SEE."

Sheriff Grant Looks Knowing When Asked if He Accepts Gen. Newton's Challenge.

Sheriff Grant was busily engaged in reducing the size of a mountainous pile of letters—his morning mail—when accosted by an EVENING WORLD reporter this morning.

"Are you going to reply to Gen. Newton's challenge to prove your assertions regarding the administration of the Department of Public Works?" he was asked.

"Wait and see," was the reply, accompanied by a merry twinkle of his blue eyes, and the Sheriff resumed his pleasant task of reading letters from all over the country, expressing hope that he will "knock out old Hewitt because he is against the National ticket."

Scores of such letters have been received by the Sheriff almost daily since his nomination.

Brooklyn Nominees.

King County's Congressional candidates have been placed in the Senate by the Brooklyn Nominees.

Felix Campbell has been renominated in the Second District. His opponent is Thomas Leonard, Laborer, with Republican endorsement.

Wm. J. Coombs has been named by the Democrats to succeed Deacon White in the Third District. Leonard is a boarder in the house of the Republican machine candidate, Wm. C. Wallace. R. D. Benedict is an independent Republican candidate in the district.

The Democrats have not named a candidate to succeed Congressman Mahony in the Fourth District. Dr. A. J. Adams, a physician, has been named by the party.

Archibald Blair has been laid on the shelf in the Fifth District because of his vote against the Mills bill. Thomas F. Wagner is the Democratic candidate.

Politics on Long Island.

The Republicans of Long Island City have nominated William Smith for Supervisor. Felix Friedman for Treasurer, and Lucina N. Manley for Police Justice.

An attempt was made to secure the endorsement of Fred C. Rickman, the Independent Democratic candidate for Treasurer.

Battles at the Bottom of It.

Edward Beynon, proprietor of the Union Hotel at 341 West Fourteenth street, was held at Jefferson Market to-day to await the result of the election of the members of the Board of Police.

The men had a tussle and Silve fell upon some broken bottles and was badly cut.

Cliffen Entries for Friday.

CLIFFEN ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY, OCT. 26.
First Race—Purse \$250; five furlongs.

El Tridado	115	Adolph	115
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YELLOW FEVER IN BROOKLYN.

A Captain of a Tramp Steamer Dies of the Disease.

Capt. John Jellard, of the tramp steamer Coranah, lying at Martin's Stores, Brooklyn, has died of what is believed to have been yellow fever.

The captain was in an isolated ward at St. John's Hospital when he died.

The dock where the vessel lies has been closed and the vessel ordered to leave port within the day.

A part of the cargo, consisting of hides and skins, has been discharged.

The captain was sick when the steamer passed Quarantine last Monday.

He sat in a chair on deck and made affidavit that there was no sickness on board his vessel.

A crew of twenty-one men came in with the steamer and are ordered to go out with it.

MAIL-BAG CUT OPEN AND ROBBED.

Large Amount of Money Stolen Between Boston and Chicago.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Upon the arrival of the Michigan Southern mail and express last night Railway Mail Clerk Stevenson reported to Inspector Kidder that the mail-pouch which left Boston on Tuesday had been cut open and robbed of all first-class matter.

The supposition is that a very large amount has been taken.

The rife pouch was turned over to Clerk Stevenson at Cleveland. It is supposed that the robbery took place between Cleveland and Boston, the only other change being made at Albany.

Mr. Howland, of the Post-Office officials leads to the belief that the thief was in some way connected with the mail service.

Clerk Stevenson says he is confident the robbery could not have been done on his car, as only the regular men were on duty and they did not go near the pouch.

PAYMASTER HOXEY SHOTS HIMSELF.

He Was Lately Prestrated by the Death of His Wife.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

PATERSON, N. J., Oct. 25.—The body of Thomas Douglas Hoxsey, a Paymaster in the United States Navy, was found at his mother's house, at Haledon, late last night. He had shot himself, whether accidentally or not is not known.

Hoxsey was thirty-five years old and some time ago was greatly prostrated by the death of his wife. The deceased was a son of the well-known Gen. Hoxsey.

It has been learned from an authentic source that Hoxsey's suicide was the direct result of the investigation of the Navy-Yard fraud.

As soon as the \$2,000 worth of cloth was discovered missing he was called before the Investigating Committee.

He is said to have had no defense.

WEBSTER'S TIRELESS EFFORT.

Trying to Connect Parnell's American Visit with Dynamite Plots.

(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)

LONDON, Oct. 25.—In the Special Judicial Commission this morning, Sir Richard Webster endeavored to connect the visit of the Irish nationalist Parnell with dynamite plots.

He succeeded in making the small court-room appear too large for its attendants.

The miscellaneous spectators have dropped off and the reporters thinned out. None remain in the court, but those compelled to be by duty or prompted by curiosity or vigilance.

There are always a small group of Irish members present who make lively and sometimes upset the gravity of the Court.

But on the whole the story of Irish outrages as related by the Attorney-General in a lecture in the House of Commons, last night, was not very convincing, and there is little to relieve the monotony of his speech.

To-day Sir Richard entered upon a long examination of the relations of Michael Davitt with Ford and Devoy, and followed, point by point, Mr. Parnell's story of his seeking to trace connection with the dynamite.

SUMMING UP FOR MISS LENT.

More Testimony to Show the Fair Prisoner's Mental Irresponsibility.

The second day in the trial of Miss Laura Lent, the Brooklyn girl arrested for stealing diamonds from Jeweller P. W. Taylor, brought out more medical testimony to show the girl's state of mental irresponsibility at the time she took the jewelry.

Her lawyer closed his case and began summing up shortly before noon.

Two Men Attack a Messenger-Vender.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

HARTFORD, Oct. 25.—A man named Galvin, about twenty-three years of age, who was a Frankfort sausage-vender, got into a dispute about 1 o'clock this morning with two men. Galvin was taken to the hospital, where he was found that his skull was fractured and his right arm paralyzed. His assailants have not yet been found.

To Raise the Shaken Atlas.

The sunken steamship Atlas, which went down in the North River on Tuesday, has become imbedded to about five feet of mud, and now the top of her smokestack is barely visible at low tide.

Supt. Forward, of the Atlas Line, says that the steamer will commence work early tomorrow morning. The Company's counsel will probably file the owners of the Central for \$300,000, the estimated damage to the vessel and cargo.

Charged with Illegal Registering.

Detectives arrested John Hoy and charged him with illegally registering as from 180 Lexington avenue. Justice Wells discharged the man upon learning that he actually does sleep at that place.

Hoy was arrested as he was about to leave the city. He had registered under the name of Peter Barrett, of 180 West Twenty-seventh street.

Capt. Slocum Heard From Again.

The American schooner Ella A. Warner arrived from Mayaguez, Porto Rico, to-day, and reported having left at that port, on Oct. 11, the canoe in which Capt. J. Slocum and his wife, left in Brazil by the wreck of their ship, are making their way to Baltimore.

The Captain expects to bring his little craft to his haven in December.

The Montreal Loan Taken.

(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The Montreal £14,000,000 perpetual 3-per-cent loan has been taken by the Baring Brothers at 95.

Police Court Pickings.

James McGraw, aged forty, at Essex Market, charged with stealing \$50 from the stable at 515 East Fifteenth street.

John Smith, aged nineteen, at Jefferson Market, charged with stealing one